



2017 Leading by Example Awards

Presented by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Leading by Example Awards annually recognize outstanding clean energy and environmental efforts among Commonwealth agencies, public colleges/universities, municipalities and individuals.



STATE AGENCIES



The **Department of Fish and Game** is receiving an award for wildlife conservation, renewable thermal projects at several sites, collaborating with multiple state agencies to promote pollinator-friendly habitats, its zero net energy Westborough office building designed to use 60% less energy than the base energy code, and more.



MassDOT-Highway is receiving an award for extensive solar installations along the Mass Pike and solar canopy in Hopkinton – totaling 4.4MW, expanding the Commonwealth's electric vehicle charging station network, implementing sustainable landscaping practices in highway medians that reduces time and emissions associated with mowing, and more.

PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION

The **Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (MCLA)** is receiving an award for clean energy and sustainability initiatives resulting in a 19% reduction in campus greenhouse gas emissions in just over a decade despite a 14% growth in campus square footage, an expansion of onsite combined heat and power systems, elimination of potable water for on-campus irrigation, and more.



Roxbury Community College (RCC) is receiving an award for the completion of a 'tri-level' energy project on campus this year that includes a 937kW solar canopy, electric vehicle charging stations, and geothermal wells under the parking lot, plus use of environmentally preferable cleaning products, provision of discounted public transportation passes, and more.



MUNICIPAL



Designated a Green Community in 2010, the Town of Lexington's **Sustainable Lexington** committee is receiving an award for a home energy efficiency program that has conducted energy assessments of 25% of the town's homes this year, the installation of 2.2MW of solar at the town's closed landfill, the doubling of the town's composting capacity, the addition of new bicycle and pedestrian paths, and more.



The Town of **Sterling** and **Municipal Light Department** are receiving an award for the innovative installation of the first utility-scale battery storage project in New England that serves as a model to others and saves \$400,000 annually, reducing municipal building energy use by 15%, deploying advanced water metering, and more.

INDIVIDUALS

Kate Crosby, Energy Manager, Acton-Boxborough Regional School District (ABRSD) is receiving a municipal individual award for clean energy and sustainability initiatives resulting in a 13% electricity reduction in the last two years, authoring a nationally-recognized white paper on behavior-based energy conservation strategies for K-12 schools, holding regular energy workshops with students, and more.



Alex Giannantonio, Cheryl Cushman and Karen Rasnick, Massachusetts Office of Vehicle Management, are receiving a state individual award for championing fuel efficiency and fuel cost savings across the Executive Branch vehicle fleet to implement the Commonwealth's Fuel Efficiency Standard by engaging agency partners in an extensive and collaborative feedback process, and more.

